

SENATE RESOLUTION 29
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority on the 51st Anniversary of their Debutante Cotillion.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor the members of those exemplary service organizations who have committed themselves to the highest of ideals; and

WHEREAS, Greek Letter fraternities and sororities have played a major role in American college life since 1776; and

WHEREAS, Greek organizations have been major contributors to the cultural, social, and civic lives of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority is an outstanding example of the sorority system at work, and it has a long tradition of excellence; and

WHEREAS, founded in November of 1922 in Indianapolis and chartered in December of 1929, Sigma Gamma Rho has long been committed to the ideals of scholarship, equality, and philanthropy; the Alpha Gamma Chapter was chartered in 1932 at Lane College and was the first Greek Letter organization on that campus; and

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WHEREAS, in April of 1952, the first Sigma Gamma Rho Debutante Cotillion was sponsored by Nu Sigma Chapter and held on the Lane College campus; inspired by a Debutante Cotillion in New York, the Lane College Cotillion was conceived by Dr. Cleo Brooks Boyd and Mrs. Gladys Lucille Brooks-Davis; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Debutante Cotillion has benefited an outstanding scholarship program; criteria set for the awarding of scholarships include scholastic achievement, service to the school and community, need, ability to overcome handicaps or obstacles, character, and humanitarian interest; and

WHEREAS, over the past 51 years, proceeds from the Debutante Cotillion have funded scholarships for more than 200 young ladies to aid them in their pursuit of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho are exemplary members of our society, and their Debutante Cotillion, which is celebrating its 51st anniversary, is a shining example of a sorority devoted to scholarship and social progress; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to the members of Sigma Gamma Rho for their remarkable efforts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the ladies of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority on their many achievements, congratulate them on the celebration of the 51st anniversary of their Debutante Cotillion, and wish them much continued success in their every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.